

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	5/21/2014
BOARD MEETING	6/4/2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All SD
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health (MH)
SUBJECT	Request approval to execute Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with qualified Fee For Service (FFS) individual providers for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services.
PROGRAM	FFS individual providers providing Medi-Cal reimbursable specialty mental health services to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program beneficiaries.
DEADLINES	Approximately 370 will expire on June 30, 2014
COST & FUNDING	The total estimated cost of the agreements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 is \$8.6 million annually fully funded by FFP of \$4.3 million and 2011 Realignment-Managed Care revenues of \$4.3 million. Funding is included in DMH's FY 2014-15 CEO Recommended Budget request. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested through DMH's annual budget process. There is no increase in net County cost associated with the recommended actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	In order to avoid interruption of services, Board approval is required to execute contracts with approximately 370 credentialed FFS individual providers now providing specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries whose contracts are expiring on June 30, 2014. Board approval will also enable DMH to enter into Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with new individual providers. Execution of these Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements will ensure compliance with an agreement entered into with California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for DMH acting as the Local Mental Health Plan to provide specialty mental health services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County within the scope of services defined in the contract between DMH and DHCS.
SUMMARY/ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior	On March 10, 1998, your Board approved the County's participation in the Phase II Medi-Cal Mental Health Consolidation under DMH acting as the Local Mental Health Plan, effective June 1, 1998. State regulations require contractual agreements between DMH and FFS psychiatrists and psychologists who provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In addition, an agreement is required between DMH and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage Family Therapists, and Registered Nurses who are board certified with a Master's Degree in psychiatric/mental health nursing as a clinical nurse specialist or as a nurse practitioner who may also have a Master's Degree in a related field, providing Medi-Cal reimbursable specialty mental health services to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program beneficiaries. Credentialed service providers will continue to

accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	be offered a contract, and upon signing the FFS Medi-Cal Individual Providers Agreement, they will be enrolled in the LMHP Provider Network. The providers under contract will be eligible for reimbursement for specialty mental health services provided to beneficiaries under the LMHP effective upon execution of each agreement, but not earlier than July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017.
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